Remote Control Hearing Device

3067. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Calcutta, has in its possession a Remote Control Hearing Device which can monitor individuals for the purpose of listening to their confidential talks;

(b) whether it has been aileged by certain human rights activists that Research and Analysis Wing, Intelligence Bureau etc. violate the confidentiality and individuality of individuals with the help of this device; and

(c) if so, whether such a practice, violative of individual civil liberty, would be discontinued forthwith ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Acquisition of land for setting up Kalpakkam Atomic Research Centre

3068. SHRI J. S. RAJU :

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whther it is a fact that 68 villages were acquired by Government to set up Kalpakkam Atomic Research Centre and about 5,000 families were displaced when their lands were acquired ;

(b) what is the total number of employees presently working in various capacities in the research centre, categorywise, figures; the number of them who belong to Tamil Nadu ; and out of them, how many belong to off-springs of the displaced persons ;

(c) whether any special cell has been created in the past to recruit local people particularly to fill up unskilled and semi skilled vacancies, if not, whether any memorandum or request in the past has been received; if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ;

(d) whether almost all interviews to various vacancies were being held in Bombay much to the disadvantage of the local people; if not, the number of interviews in the past three years held in Kalpakkam, year-wise figures ; and

(e) whether there is a well equipped hospital in the centre; if so, whether no villager whose land has been taken by centre is being given any medical facilities, if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) 2400 acres of land from 3 villages consisting largely of porainboke lands and some acquired lands have been used to set up the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and a Nuclear Power Station at Kalpakkam. In addition 438 acres of land from the 2 villages of Sadras and Pudupattinam have been used for a housing colony of this Centre. Around 500 families have been affected due to the above acquisition of land.

(b) The total No. of employees presently working in the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research category-wise and those belonging to Tamil Nadu is as given below :

Category	Total strength	No. of belonging to Tamil Nadu
Scientific . .	881	590
Technical .	1208	1083
Administrative .	146	134
Auxiliary . .	166	146

No separate statistics on the employees belonging to off-spring of the displaced persons is maintained by the Research Centre.

(c) No, Sir. Representations have been received in the recent past from a few local organisations. The details of which are briefly given below :—

(1) Kalpakkam Sutrupura Girama Makkal Urimal Pathukappu Kootamaippu

(2) Ilainjar Ezuchi Iyakkam/Usaikkum Makkal Iyakkam :

The demands of these organisations relate to priority in recruitment for jobs, reservation of jobs for the people living within the radius of 16 kms., drinking water facility, medical facility, education, electricity and such other facilities to be provided by the Department of Atomic Energy.

Subject to their fulfilling the norms one member per family who have lost their land for establishment of Atomic Energy facilities at Kalpakkam has been permitted to apply for jobs at the Research Centre directly without coming through the Employment Exchange.

(d) No, Sir- During the last three years, the number of interviews held at Kalpakkam by the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research is as follows :—

1990	1991	1992
12	08	06